

Regional News

Letters of Encouragement, Contributions for K mart Employee

Store reporter Larenda Johnson

Tom McCann, automotive Service Manager at K mart 3254, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was diagnosed four years ago as having terminal leukemia. In the fall of 1982, Tom entered a hospital in Seattle, Washington, where he received a transplant of bone marrow from his brother.

Tom's transplant was considered a success and he was allowed to return home.

He is a humble man and has shunned most efforts for charity fund raising to help his family, but the churches in his small community of Churubusco, Indiana banded together to help raise over \$2,400 to help support Tom's wife Lana and their two young children.

The four area K mart's helped raise enough money this past Christmas to keep this holiday from being a bleak one for his two children.

Weekly donations are still being taken at the four K mart stores in the area to help Tom and his family. The small contributions mean so much in helping them to meet their basic needs.

Contributions and letters of encouragement may be sent to Tom in care of K mart 3254, 820 Coliseum Blvd. N., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805.

Positive Thinking Helps Brad Schlyer Win a Car

Store reporter Nancy Lisak



Brad Schlyer, K mart 4437, Topeka, Kansas, and his new Grand Prix.

Brad Schlyer, camera department manager at K mart 4437, Topeka, Kansas, is the proud owner of a free 1983 automobile.

He was the winner of a drawing at the Annual PACE auction at Hayden High School recently.

When Brad received the call informing him of his good fortune, he was too stunned to respond when asked if he would like a Pontiac Firebird or Grand Prix. But by noon the next day, he had decided on the blue Grand Prix.

Brad credits his good luck to the power of positive thinking. He kept saying that he was going to win!



Sherri Painter, Fort Wayne Distribution Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Jazz Dancer

Store reporter Valerie Gater

Sherri Painter, employee of Fort Wayne Distribution Center, is one of nine members of the Jazz Factory, Fort Wayne's only professional jazz dance company.

The company recently made the front page of the morning newspaper when they demonstrated their talents with a Broadway jazz technique for the Fine Arts Foundation Fund Drive Kick-off.

The event is designed to raise operational funds for the foundation's six member organization: Fort Wayne's Art Museum, Ballet, Cinema Center, Civic Theater, Historical Society, and the Philharmonic.

Their routines were worked in behind the models as they displayed the latest fashions for spring and summer from a local department store.

Sherri works in the invoice department of FWDC during the day and is committed to a rehearsal and performance schedule that dictates the jazz Factory members to learn at least six routines a week.

All of the Jazz Factory members are gainfully employed and teaching dance. Six are experienced choreographers. The director of the company is Larry Life, an Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne theater professor.

Sherri has been dancing for six years. Two of those years were spent teaching at Jordan Kay Studio. She feels performing is the way to gain identity as a dancer.



The Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce monthly courtesy award went to mechanic Kim Hickman, from K mart 3549, Seminole, Florida.

Left, Esther Macdonald makes the Chamber presentation to Kim, center, while auto center manager Bill Moore looks on. Kim has been with K mart for 12 years.

Drill Team Wins Accolades

Store reporter Marcella Allen

Chillicothe, Ohio is proud of its high school drill team, the Cavalettes, who recently were crowned State Champions in Class B at Otterbein College.

Especially proud of the Cavalettes are three employees at K mart 3226, Chillicothe, Ohio. They are Jean Harper, area merchandiser, whose daughter Lisa is captain of the team; Karen Smith, camera-jewelry manager, whose daughter Tracy is second lieutenant on the team; and Judy Spiers, layaway, whose niece, Heide Simpson, is a member of the team.

The Cavalettes were formed in 1971 as an auxiliary group to the high school marching band. In various competitions over the years, the team has won a total of 47 trophies, of which 42 were first place including State Champion trophies for Class B Recorded National Drill Team Association competition in 1978, 1979, 1980, and 1983.

1983 has been an outstanding year for the Cavalettes. At the Worthington Drill Team Invitational they placed first in their division. At the Zanesville Spectacular the team placed first in their division along with winning Best Inspection and Grand Champion trophies. The Cavalettes then concluded their winning season with bringing home the Class B State Championship.

Mayor Clark Alexander proclaimed a recent day as Cavalette Day in recognition of the team's superior record of drill team excellence.



Members of the team are left to right: first row—Lisa McMahan, Laura Depugh, Missy Myers, Debbie Norris, and Tiff Nissimov; middle row—Lea Manion, Shelly Pocock, Tracy Smith, Ann Lechner, Mary Spence, and Lisa Harper. Back row—Heidi Simpson, Janey McClure, Cheri Hartsough, Jill Henke, Michelle England, Mary Herrstein and Caroline Wissler.